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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34**  
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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION  
6 OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA,  
7 SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S  
8 PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST  
9 LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH CONVERTING FROM  
10 SEPTIC TANKS TO SEWER SYSTEMS; AND  
11 URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
12 PROVIDE STATE FUNDING TO ASSIST LOCAL  
13 COMMUNITIES WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC  
14 SYSTEMS AND CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM  
15 CONNECTIONS, AS PROPOSED BY THE  
16 GOVERNOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
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20 **WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2016, the Miami Dade County Board of County  
21 Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution R-823-16, supporting Governor Rick Scott, and  
22 urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding, in connection with the titled initiative; *and*  
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24 **WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2016, Governor Rick Scott announced that he will propose additional  
25 funding in his State Fiscal Year 2017-2018 recommended budget to help clean up the Indian River  
26 Lagoon and Caloosahatchee River into which the polluted waters of Lake Okeechobee are  
27 discharged; *and*  
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29 **WHEREAS**, this proposal is expected to include new funding for a voluntary 50/50  
30 matching grant program with local communities surrounding the water bodies affected by algae  
31 blooms resulting from the frequent discharges of water from the Lake; *and*  
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33 **WHEREAS**, if approved by the Legislature, this voluntary program would provide funding  
34 to encourage residents to convert from septic tanks to sewer systems to help curb pollution that is  
35 currently entering into these water bodies; *and*  
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37 **WHEREAS**, Governor Rick Scott stated in a press release that "[s]eptic tank runoff is a  
38 major contributor to the pollution in these water bodies and I look forward to working with the  
39 Legislature to fund efforts to curb it.;" *and*  
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41 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposal would also provide financial support to local  
42 communities to help them build wastewater systems to meet the increased demand for wastewater  
43 services; *and*  
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45 **WHEREAS**, as the Governor explained, "[i]t is up to all of us – the state, Florida's local  
46 communities and the federal government – to work together on long term solutions to improve the  
47 quality of our water. That is why I am going to commit state funding and match it with local  
48 contributions so we can work together on efforts to clean up our waters;" *and*  
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50 **WHEREAS**, the problem of pollution due to septic systems extends beyond the communities  
51 surrounding the Indian River Lagoon and Caloosahatchee River; *and*

1           **WHEREAS**, wherever they are located, septic systems may present environmental concerns  
2 and are potentially vulnerable to the effects of increased water tables and sea level rise; *and*  
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4           **WHEREAS**, some portions of Miami-Dade County, including the Village of Biscayne Park,  
5 lack public sanitary sewer systems, and therefore rely on septic systems to treat and dispose of  
6 wastewater from toilets, showers, sinks, and dishwashers; *and*  
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8           **WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County, including the Village of Biscayne Park, could benefit  
9 from funding to, at a minimum, help eliminate septic systems and install sewer system connections in  
10 areas where no such systems currently exist; *and*  
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12           **WHEREAS**, accordingly, this Village Commission supports the Governor's proposal and  
13 urges the Legislature to allocate funding for the abovementioned purposes in the State Fiscal Year  
14 2017-2018 budget,  
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16           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE**  
17 **VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, that:**  
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19           Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true  
20 and correct and hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.  
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22           Section 2. The Village Commission supports Governor Rick Scott's proposal to provide  
23 funding to assist local communities with converting from septic tanks to sewer systems.  
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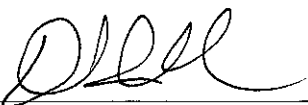
25           Section 2. The Village Commission urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate state  
26 funds in the State Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget to assist local communities in eliminating septic  
27 systems and converting to sewer system connections, as proposed by the Governor.  
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29           Section 3. The Village Commission directs the Clerk to transmit copies of this resolution to  
30 the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-  
31 Dade State Legislative Delegation.  
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33           Section 4. The Village Commission directs the Village's legislative consultant to advocate  
34 for the funding set forth above.  
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37 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.  
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40 The foregoing resolution upon being  
41 put to a vote, the vote was as follows:  
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45 David Coviello, Mayor  
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Mayor Coviello: Yes  
Vice Mayor Ross: Yes  
Commissioner Anderson: Yes  
Commissioner Jonas: Yes  
Commissioner Watts: Yes

50 Attest:  
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Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

~~John J. Hearn, Village Attorney~~